

Group I-V, are classified by the Patent Office into the same class and sub-class. Accordingly, a search for publications relating to any of Groups I-IV should reveal publications relating to the other Groups and, thus, would not impose a serious burden on the Examiner. Applicant reserves the right to pursue any non-elected claims in one or more related applications if the restriction requirement is maintained.

The Patent Office has required Applicant to elect from each of four groups one allegedly patentably distinct species:

- Species a', claims 2, 3, 4, 26, and 28, drawn to methods of posting;
- Species b', claims 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, and 29, drawn to various types of units;
- Species c', claims 11, 12, 13, 14, 18, drawn to various embodiments of claim 1, step d; and
- Species d', claims 15, 16, 2, and 27, drawn to various additional mutually exclusive components.

Applicant hereby elects, with traverse, the following. In Species a', Applicant elects the alleged species of claim 28. In Species b', Applicant elects the alleged species of claim 23. In Species c', Applicant elects the alleged species of claim 14. In Species d', Applicant elects the alleged species of claim 15. Applicant submits claims 1-21 and 23-29 read on the elected combination of features.

Applicant contends that the species elections are without merit and respectfully request reconsideration of each election requirement. Applicant understands that the Office perceives claim 1 as generic for species a', b' and c', and that upon allowance of a generic claim, Applicant is entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of the allowed generic claim. Applicant reserve the right to pursue claims readable on any of the non-elected species in one or more related applications if the species election requirements are maintained.

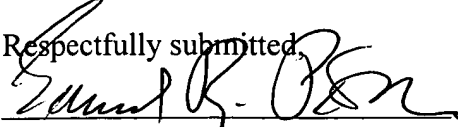
CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully requests that the application now proceed promptly to substantive examination. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned with any questions about this paper. Early favorable action is respectfully solicited.

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